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SUBJECT: US-ITALY BILATERAL ENERGY RELATIONS

1. I AM EVER MORE CONCERNED THAT WE CONVEY TO THE ITALIAN
PUBLIC OUR DESIRE TO COOPERATE IN MEETING THEIR ENERGY
PROBLEMS. I WILL MAKE A MAJOR SPEECH IN TURIN ON MAY 18
ON U.S. ENERGY POLICY WHICH GIVES ME THIS OPPORTUNITY.
IN ADDITION TO DESCRIBING OUR MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN
THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY AND ELSEWHERE, I WOULD
LIKE TO SAY THE FOLLOWING REGARDING OUR BILATERAL ENERGY
COOPERATION:

BEGIN TEXT:

OUR COOPERATION IN THE MANY EFFORTS JUST DESCRIBED
EMPHASIZES THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO HELPING OUR
PARTNERS MEET THEIR ENERGY NEEDS. WE WANT TO STRENGTHEN
BILATERAL, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL, RELATIONS BETWEEN
ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES. ALREADY, THERE ARE MEETINGS
WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS ENERGY MATTERS, PARTICULARLY
RELATING TO THE REALIZATION OF ITALY'S NUCLEAR ENERGY
PROGRAM. IN THIS FRAMEWORK:

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-- WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR SUPPORT FOR ITALY'S EFFORT
TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED PETROLEUM AND
ENCOURAGED THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

-- WE HAVE SOUGHT TO PROMOTE EXCHANGES OF TECHNICIANS
IN AREAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ITALIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM AND WE FORESEE SUBSTANTIAL

AREAS FOR FURTHER COLLABORATION OF THIS TYPE.

-- WE HAVE EXPLORED POSSIBILITIES FOR UNITED STATES' FINANCIAL SUPPORT WITH RELEVANT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, SUCH AS THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK.

LET ME SAY, HOWEVER, THAT I AM NOT COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE THUS FAR. ONE OF MY FIRST ACTIONS AS AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN TO REQUEST A REVIEW OF OUR BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH A VIEW TOWARDS MAKING IT MORE EFFECTIVE AND TOWARDS IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR FURTHER AND MORE PROFOUND COOPERATION. ITALY'S ENERGY PROBLEMS ARE, TO A GREATER OR LESSER EXTENT, THE PROBLEMS OF US ALL. WE CAN AND SHOULD DO MORE AND I AM DETERMINED THAT WE SHOULD. END TEXT.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION ASAP THAT THIS CONFORMS TO OUR CURRENT POLICY. GARDNER

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